(b) if so, what are the proposals in this regard; and

(c) what decisions, if any, have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE. SOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Govern ment had prepared national perspectives for optimum water resources utilisation through linking of different rivers which comprises of two components viz., the Himalayan rivers development and the Peninsular rivers development,

The National Water Development Agency a registered Society under the Ministry of Water Resources has beer, entrusted with the work of formulating proposals after survey and investigations. The Agency has completed pre.feasibility reports on 7 water transfer links for the Peninsular rivers. The concerned State Govern. ments are represented on the Society and implementation need consensus on the schemes.

Privatisation of mines

185. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise some of the unviable and/or unprofitable mines of different types all over the country: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal. How. ever, if mining is noe corried out by the lessee in accordance with terms and conditions of the mining lease, the lease can be determined according to the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act.

Vocational education

186. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps being taken to encourage vocational education in the country; and

(b) the details of amount allocated and spent so 'far in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MTNISTER OF STATE EN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) In pursuance of the priority accorded to the Vocational Education Programme in the National Policy on Education (1986), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education was started with effect from February, 1988. A Joint Council of Vocational Education (JCVE) under the Union Education Minister has been set up at the national level to ensure proper planning and coordination of the Vocational Programmes. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme substantial financial assistance is provided to States UT's for running Vocational courses at the plus 2 level. Assistance is also provided for the required technical resource support and management structure. Efforts rea being made to run job-linked courses in collaboration with industry and various MinistrieslDe-partments. The recruitment rules for Group 'C posts are being reviewed to make the Vocational pass-outs eligible for employment in Govt/ Quasi-Govt. jobs. To 'facilitate self employment amongst the vocational pass-outs it has been decided to give them preference under the Scheme of Self Employment for Educated Un-

•mployed Youth (SEEUY) provided they fulfil other eligibility criteria.

(b) Out of Rs. 89 crores allocated for 1991-92, so far Rs. 16.31 crores has been released to Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh Rajasthan, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra Assam and some Institutions/Organisations for implementation of the programme.

लोगों में निरक्षरता

187. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में निरक्षर लोगों की संख्या बढ़ रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि प्राथमिक शिक्षा पर किये जा रहे व्यय की राशि में शिक्षा प्रदान करने पर किए जा रहे कुल व्यय के अनुपात में कमी होती जा रही है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में योजनावार इसकी प्रतिशता का ब्यौरा क्या था;

(घ) क्या सरकार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में इसको प्रतिशतता बढ़ाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक और उच्च शिक्षा पर व्यय की प्रतिशतता क्या होगी ?

मानव संसाधन विकास (युवा कार्य और खेल विभाग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (कुमारी ममता बनर्जी) : (क) यद्यपि 1981-1991 के दशक में निरक्षरों की वास्तविक संख्या में सीमान्तक वृद्धि हुई है, इस अवधि के दौरान 8.5 प्रतिशत की दशक वार्षिक वृद्धि दर, 1971-81 के दशक की (7.07 प्रतिशत) वृद्धि दर से अधिक थी।

(ख) और (ग) पिछली सात पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के दौरान सम्पूर्ण शिक्षा पर व्यय में प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा पर योजनागत व्यय की प्रतिशतता का ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है ।

योजनागत	सम्पूर्ण शिक्षा पर व्यय की प्रतिशतता के रूप में प्रारंभिक शिक्षा पर व्यय
पहली . .	56.00
दूसरी . .	35.00
तीसरी . .	34.00
चौथी . .	30.00
पांचवी . .	32.10
छठी . .	30.50
सातवीं . .	33.00

(घ) और (ङ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अभी तैयार की जा रही है।

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188. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI RANJIT SINGH:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer the answer to Starred Question 63 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any final decision on the Athreya Committee Report on re-organisation of the telecom sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?